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INDO- MALAYSIA TRADE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India-Malaysia has set up a joint study group to study the bilateral economic affairs and have signed a comprehensive economic co-operation movement;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the target fixed for trade between the two countries for the next three years;

(d) the names of the items imported from Malaysia to India during the last three years along with the foreign exchange paid for the same;

(e) whether some items have been exported to Malaysia from India during the current year; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): The India-Malaysia Joint Study Group (JSG) has been set up to study the feasibility of a Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement (CECA) between the two countries and to identify the strategic and economic benefits that the two countries can derive from the establishment of CECA. The JSG is co-chaired by the Secretary, Department of Commerce, from the Indian side and the Secretary-General, Ministry of Trade & Industry of the Malaysian side. The first meeting of the JSG was held in New Delhi on 2-3 March 2005.

(c): No trade target has been fixed.

(d): Major items of Import from Malaysia during the last three years have been as under :

Imports from Malaysia

Sr. No.	Item	Value in US$ Million		
		2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
1.	Vegetable Oils Fixed (Edible)	401.09	569.56	606.98
2.	Electronic Goods	288.11	352.21	478.43
3.	Wood & Wood Products	146.27	149.45	324.04
4.	Organic Chemicals	63.81	98.94	165.88
5.	Transport Equipment	1.70	3.84	64.21
6.	Manmade Filament/Spun Yarn(incl. waste)	29.94	39.77	36.63
7	Machinery except Elect. & Electronic	25.27	31.62	25.03

8. Non-Ferrous Metals 20.07 23.23 25.23

9. Inorganic Chemicals 8.24 17.40 24.05

10. Natural Rubber 11.89 5.73 23.12

Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta

(e) & (f): Major items of export to Malaysia during the current year,2004-05 (Apr-Sept) :-

S. No. Item Value in US$ Million

1. Electronic Goods 53.35

2. Other Cereals 51.05

3. Meat & Preparation 35.96

4. Machinery & Instruments 34.86

5. Manmade Yarn,Fabrics, Madeups 30.90
6. RMG Cotton incl. Accessories 20.32

7 Cotton Yarn, Fabrics, Madeups 19.58

8. Inorganic / Organic / Agro Chemicals 19.33

9. Petroleum Products 18.42

10. Dyes / Intermediates & Coal Tar Chemical 17.57
Source: DGCI&S, Calcutta